"The South 40"
by JAMES A. SMITH
EXTENSION AGENT

Several days ago a visitor stopped by; a person I had not seen for at least ten years.

We talked for a few minutes about his work and some recent experiences. Finally I asked "What brings you to Appomattox"?

He began to relate how more than twenty years ago he was a 4-H Club boy here and won a trip to National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago.

He said, "Rube Hudgins was County Agent then and knew that even though I had won the trip, I still didn't have any pocket money. Rube said, here's some money, don't worry about paying it back, but if you ever feel able we'll use it to help some other boy or girl".

My visitor said, "I'm here this morning to repay what someone did for me".

He asked if we still had the Club Congress program. I explained that we did, but rarely was it necessary to assist youngsters financially.

I did outline a program that was initiated last year. We were able to obtain funds from a chemical company; they were matched locally. This money was used as camp scholarships for youngsters who would not have a camping experience otherwise.

My friend thought for a moment and said, "If you are interested in continuing that program again this summer I would like to have a part in it".

He handed me a couple of crisp twenty dollar bills.

This was an act of deep appreciation for what had been accorded him 20 years earlier. He went away knowing that he had fulfilled what he considered a moral obligation. This summer four underprivileged 4-H'ers will attend 4-H camp because of this person.

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There's a real concern about the apathy of some landowners toward the loss of pine trees. There have been over 50 locations of "bug infestation" in pine timber.

If these dead pines are not cut and removed we have a source of additional infestation for this spring and summer.

Landowners who are not cooperating with the forest service are not only taking the risk of losing additional timber but providing a source of "bugs" for their neighbor.

Call Warren Taylor (352-7279) and ask him to help locate a timber cutter. The need for quality forestry products is growing. We all need to be involved in caring for and protecting our timber resources.

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1972 corn yields in Virginia averaged a record 83 bushels; this was 15 bushels greater than 1971.

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We had an excellent dairy school last Wednesday. Attending from this county were: R.M. Harris, Jr., Dan Carson, John Hix, Henry Covington, E.W. Carson, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Massey.

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Did you ever try to figure just how much water we had from last years 66.5 inches of rain? Try this formula:

On an acre of ground (43,560 sq. ft.) a one-inch depth would mean 6,272,640 cubic inches of water, or 3,630 cubic feet. Each cubic foot weighs 62.4 pounds. So one inch spread evenly over an acre of land would weigh 226,512 pounds or 113¼ tons. Each gallon of water weighs 8.3 pounds, so those 226,512 pounds would mean 27,154 gallons were covering that acre.

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PAMPLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MENU

Mon., Feb. 12 Salisbury steak, Blackeyed peas, Baked tomatoes, Sliced peaches, Rolls and butter, and milk.
Tues., Feb. 13 Turkey w/dressing, Butter beans, Corn, Yellow cake w/chocolate frosting, Rolls and butter, milk.
Wed., Feb. 14 Beef patties, Whipped potatoes, Turnip greens, Butterscotch pudding, Rolls and butter, Milk.
Thurs., Feb. 15 Chicken salad on lettuce, Ritz crackers w/peanutbutter, Potato chips, Bread, Milk.
Fri., Feb. 16 Fish steak, Buttered corn, French fries, Cornbread and butter, Prunes, Milk.

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300 Attend First Bull Sale At Red House

(Left to Right) Bill Williamson, Jim Smith, Victor Banton and Mason Banton.

On hand last Saturday for the first performance tested bull sale at the Red House Bull Evaluation Center were Dr. Tom Lamborth, Ext. Meats Specialist, UPI & SU.; Ralph Tucker, Chairman, Red House Bull Evaluation Test and Sale Com. and A. L. Eller, Jr., Ext. Beef Cattle Specialist and Advisor to Virginia Beef Cattle Improvement Association.

More than 300 people were on hand last Saturday for the first performance tested bull sale at the Red House Bull Evaluation Center.

Twenty-one senior yearling bulls brought $19,425 or $925 per head. These bulls began a 140 day feed test last August. The feed mixture on a ton basis consisted of 1300 pounds of high quality corn silage, 540 pounds of cracked-shelled corn, 140 pounds soybean oil meal, 10 pounds limestone, 10 pounds T. M. salt and 2 million units of Vitamin A.

The six Polled Hereford bulls had an average adjusted 365 day weight of 1008 pounds and averaged gaining 3.04 pounds per day on test. This set of bulls averaged $1120 each.

The two Charolais bulls had an average adjusted 365 day weight of 993 pounds and averaged gaining 3.25 pounds per day on test. These bulls averaged $900 each.

There were 13 Angus bulls selling for an average of $838. This lot of Angus bulls had an adjusted 365 day weight of 892 pounds. On test they gained 2.59 pounds per day.

Many cattlemen feel that the development of this test center will enhance the rapid growth of a livestock economy in Southside Virginia.

Visitors are invited to visit the test center that is owned and operated by James Bennett, Knoll Crest Farm, Red House, Virginia.

The next sale will be Saturday, March 24 at 1:00 p.m. when 63 junior bulls are scheduled to be sold.

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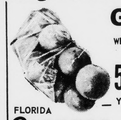
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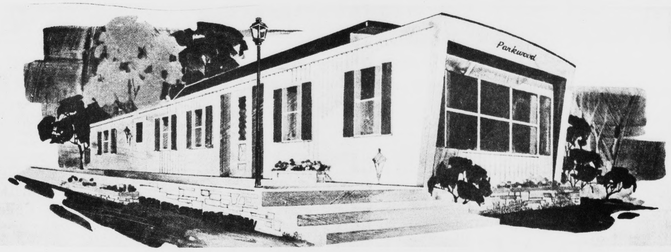

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